

441-447 SOUTH CONVENT AVENUE
Barrio Libre (Barrio Histórico)
Tucson
Pima County
Arizona

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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Location:441-445-447 South Convent Avenue, Tucson,
Pima County, ArizonaUSGS Tucson Quadrangle, Universal Transverse
Mercator Coordinates: 12.502680 .3563970Present Owner:Josephine Barnhart
78 W. Kennedy, Tucson, Arizona 85701Present Occupants:

#441- vacant; #445- vacant; #447- Rubin Ruiz.

Present Use:

Residential; apartments.

Significance:

This Early Transitional adobe apartment row house, with its flush front and low-pitched corrugated metal roof is the first in a sequence of similar buildings situated contiguously along the east side of South Convent Avenue. Still in use as it was originally built--as three apartment dwellings--this structure contributes to the planar qualities of the South Convent Avenue streetscape.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Date of erection: pre-1897.
2. Architect: None known.
3. Original and subsequent owners: See attached chain of title below.

Block 240, Lot 4.

1902 Deed, July 26, 1902, recorded in Volume 34, page 97.
City of Tucson to Manuel Altamirano.

1902 Deed, July 25, 1902, recorded in Volume 34, page 98.
Leandro Feliz et al to Pablo Robles.

1902 Deed, July 26, 1902, recorded in Volume 34, page 99.
Felicita Altamirano de Ortiz to Pablo Robles.

1902 Deed, September 4, 1902, recorded in Volume 33, page 751.
Pablo Robles to Maria de Bojórquez.

1914 Deed, July 6, 1914, recorded in Volume 59, page 82.
Maria A. de Bojórquez to Juan Bojórquez.

- 1922 Deed, December 13, 1922, recorded in Volume 87, page 571.
Estate of Juan Bojórquez to Juan Bojórquez, Jr.
- 1926 Deed, October 1, 1926, recorded in Volume 113, page 236.
Juan Bojórquez to Salome B. Zimmerman.
- 1933 Deed, September 8, 1933, recorded in Volume 173, page 434.
Estate of Salome Zimmerman to Charles H. Phininsy, Trustees.
- 1952 Deed, January 28, 1952, recorded in Volume 425, page 453.
Josephine Barnhart, Trustee to Homer Phininzy et al.
- 1952 Deed, May 6, 1952, recorded in Volume 462, page 59.
Homer Phininzy et al to Josephine Barnhart.
- 1977 Deed, April 21, 1977, recorded in Volume 5509, page 21.
Josephine Barnhart to C. E. Stillwell.

4. Builder: Unknown.

5. Alterations and additions: These three apartments appear to have undergone no significant alterations or additions since their construction.

B. Historical Persons and Events Connected with the Structure:

The property on which these apartments are located was owned by three long-time residents of the Barrio Libre. The Bojórquez family, related to several other S. Convent Avenue families, obtained ownership of the apartments in 1902. Salome Zimmerman next owned the property. Her husband, John, was a Tucson constable, and upon his death, Salome resided at 78 W. Kennedy Street. Josephine Barnhart, the present owner, also resides at 78 W. Kennedy Street. Zimmerman and Barnhart owned all of the property at the corner of S. Convent Avenue and W. Kennedy Street, which included these apartments, a grocery store since-demolished, a duplex, and the house at 78 W. Kennedy Street. The apartments have been occupied by a number of short-term tenants--mainly laborers, miners, and Southern Pacific Railroad employees. Some of them, such as Frank Rivera and Cruz Montaña, eventually acquired property along S. Convent Avenue. For background essay see Barrio Libre (AZ-73).

PART III. SOURCES OF INFORMATION

A. Bibliography:

Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, 1909, 1914, 1919, 1948..

Tract Books, Pioneer National Title Insurance Co. (Microfilm, Recorder's Records)

Tucson City Directories, 1891-1979.

Building slips, Pima County Assessor's Office.

Arizona Historical Society clipbooks (Salome Zimmerman)

C. Oral Interviews:

Josephine Barnhart, 78 W. Kennedy Street.

Adelina Flores, 56 W. Kennedy Street.

PART IV. PROJECT INFORMATION

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